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## WORST OF FLOOD SEEMS TO BE OVER

WATERS RECEDING AND ROADS ARE AGAIN IN PASSABLE SHAPE.

## RAIN HOLDS BACK COUPLE IN AUTO

Mr. and Mrs. Postle, of Los Angeles, Detained by Swollen Streams.

While rain has fallen at sporadic intervals here during the past two days the showers have not been either violent or of long continued duration, and fairly satisfactory progress has been made in repairing the damage brought to local highways by preceding downpours.

It is not yet possible to accurately estimate the exact amount of this damage, but it will undoubtedly reach a goodly sum. Hon. T. J. Locke, Jr., a member of the public highway commission of district No. 2, which includes Columbus, stated Friday that between twenty and thirty car loads of gravel would be required to repair the damage in this district, and as the gravel used comes from Tishomingo county the freight charges will necessarily have to be added to the cost of the material. About \$50 per day is being paid out for labor in the second district, and highway commissioners in some districts throughout the county are also expending large sums for both labor and materials.

The worst damage to highways in this section was on the Pickensville and Tuscaloosa roads. Large stretches of both highways were completely washed away, and for several days they were impassable. Repairs have

## NAVAL BILL PROVIDING 64 NEW SHIPS PASSES THE SENATE

## FOUR DREADNAUGHTS AND FOUR CRUISERS TO BE BUILT NOW.

Washington, July 22.—The naval appropriation bill, with a three-year building program, including the immediate construction of four dreadnaughts, four great battle cruisers and 58 other craft passed the Senate by a vote of 71 to 8. It carried \$315,826,843, or \$45,857,588 more than the total as the measure passed the House.

Many proposals to curtail the enormous building increase written into the measure by the Senate naval committee were defeated overwhelmingly and as soon as final passage was announced the Senate voted to insist upon its amendments and send the bill at once to conference. The House is expected to insist upon its building program, and a long struggle is in prospect before an agreement is reached.

Two Democrats, Senator Thomas and Vardaman, and six Republicans, Senators Clapp, Curtis, Gronna and La Follette, Norris and Works, voted against the bill, which has had the support of both parties during the week of debate that preceded passage.

A seven-hour speech by Senator La Follette against the measure and a clash between Senators Reed and Oliver over the proposal to print as a public document the Bethlehem Steel Company's arguments against a government armor plant delayed the final vote. The Bethlehem's arguments were ordered printed by unanimous consent during Senator Reed's absence from the Senate chamber. On his return he vainly sought reconsideration, charging that Senator Oliver, as an owner of steel stock, had voted money into his own pocket by supporting the proposal.

Senators Tillman, Swanson and Lodge were appointed conferees on the bill. The House conferees will be chosen Tuesday and daily sessions will probably be held thereafter by the conference committee.

Construction of 157 vessels, including 16 capital fighting ships within three years at an estimated cost of \$588,180,576, is contemplated in the Senate's program, the largest ever proposed in Congress. Of the total appropriations in the bill \$110,726,160 is for the first year's building expenditures.

## WASHINGTON WAITS FOR CARRANZA NOTE

AMENDMENTS TO MEXICAN CONSTITUTION TO BE CONSIDERED.

## ULTIMATE PEACE IS END IN VIEW

Acting Secretary Polk and Carranza Ambassador Hold Another Conference.

Washington, July 22.—Official announcement of the course to be followed in seeking a peaceful solution of the problems arising from conditions along the Mexican border probably will be made either tomorrow or early next week.

It appeared certain tonight that the Washington government was prepared to accept the commission plan suggested by Gen. Carranza in his note of July 11, made public yesterday in Mexico City, but there are indications that President Wilson would prefer a more far-reaching discussion than this communication.

Acting Secretary Polk conferred again today with Eliseo Arredondo, Gen. Carranza's ambassador, but the conferees had no announcement to make. Apparently acceptance of the commission plan is awaiting Gen. Carranza's reply to amendments proposed by the Washington government to his suggestion, the nature of which has not been revealed.

Mr. Polk is keeping both President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, both absent on vacation, advised of each step taken. The acting secretary is guarding closely what proposals are being debated in his conferences with Mr. Arredondo. He again met all inquirers today with the statement that negotiators are "proceeding favorably."

The note of July 11th, as published in Mexico City, would limit the proposed commission to discussion of three specific points: Withdrawal of American troops from Mexico; arrangement of a reciprocal agreement under which the troops of either government might cross the border in pursuit of bandits; and investigation of the bandit raids on American towns to determine what interests prompted them in an effort to force intervention.

## BATTLE OF THE SOMME DECREASES IN INTENSITY

## BERLIN CLAIMS FRENCH USE 200,000 MEN IN FRUITLESS ATTACK AT HARDECOURT.

London, July 22.—The intensity of the British and French attacks against the German front north and south of the Somme river, in Northern France, appears to have lessened greatly, according to the latest official statements. London declares a lull has set in on the British front, and the Paris official statement of Friday night mentions no activity along the whole front from north of the Somme to Switzerland. In the salient of the Leipzig redoubt the Germans entered the lines held by Gen. Haig's forces, but were ejected subsequently, London asserts.

The Anglo-French attacks on the German lines north and south of the Somme on Thursday were fruitless, according to Berlin, except on a two-mile front south of Hardecourt, where the Germans retired from first to second line trenches about a hundred kilometers in the rear. The attacks, Berlin asserts, were preceded by a violent artillery fire on a front of more than 27 miles and was participated in by more than 200,000 men.

North of La Basse an attack on Wednesday by the British resulted disastrously, the Britishers losing more than 2,000 killed and nearly 500 prisoners, according to an official statement in Berlin.

Floods on the Dniester preventing any further advance into Galicia from the south and east for the time being the Russians are driving the Austro-Germans toward the North Galician border below Valdimir-Volynski. Both Berlin and Vienna admit a retirement on this sector.

Mr. N. L. Trull, a popular citizen of Millport, Ala., and his little grand daughter, Miss Maxine Trull, were visitors to Columbus Friday.

Mr. R. B. Hardy, of the prairie, was in the city Friday on business.



—Fitzpatrick in St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

## HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

## GIST OF NEWS FROM OVER THE COUNTRY GIVEN IN A BRIEF FORM.

Camp Sweep Taylor, at Jackson, where the First Mississippi Regiment is quartered, has a garrison flag that flies at the top of a big 75-foot pole, donated by a lumber company at Canton. The flagpole was erected last Wednesday and as the American emblem was hoisted for the first time there were cheers from hundreds of soldier throats, while the band played national airs.

Dick and Mary, two geese, aged 36, which belonged to the late Mrs. John Benas, of Cleveland, are now pensioners in the zoo, where they will live the rest of their lives. It was their mistress' wish that they be allowed to finish their days in peace and contentment.

Announcement was made Thursday that Secretary Baker had instructed commanders of military departments not to enlist in the national guard boys under the age of 18 either with or without the consent of parents or guardians.

Columbia University loses a bequest of \$4,000,000 under the verdict recently by a jury setting aside the will of the late Amos F. Eno. This amount represented Eno's residuary estate which his relatives claimed he willed to the institution while of unsound mind.

President Wilson's request that the child labor bill be passed by the Senate before adjournment of Congress, will be submitted to a caucus of Democrats to be held probably next Tuesday night.

Premier Asquith Thursday told a deputation from the English union congress which wished something done to lessen the price of food, that he was not disposed to attempt the introduction of maximum prices on foodstuffs in that country, and doubted whether the experiment had been successful in Germany.

Enrollment of civilians for the forthcoming cruise on United States warships is proceeding with indications that the experiment is popular, and there is no doubt that the full quota of 2,000 citizen sailors, ranging all the way from 19 to 45 years of age, will be able to carry their dunnage bags aboard the fleet on August 15. The men will board the ships at the points nearest their home, and during the month's cruise will be given experience in almost every form of naval life from swabbing the decks to firing the big guns.

Mr. Walter Cooper, who recently moved from this county to Farrell, Miss., has been spending the past several days here on business.

Mr. Johnathan Richardson, who has been spending about ten days in Ohio, is expected home today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones have been spending the past week in Norfolk, Va., and other eastern cities.

## BASEBALL MOGULS MAKE PLANS FOR NEXT SEASON

## MEETING HELD AT WEST POINT FRIDAY TO DISCUSS IMPORTANT MATTERS.

Directors of the Northeast Mississippi Baseball League, which includes Columbus, West Point, Aberdeen and Tupelo, held a meeting in West Point Friday afternoon for the purpose of making plans for the season of 1917. It was decided to inaugurate the season June 1, and 60 games may be played, the league being made up of the four towns which comprise the circuit.

President G. M. Flynn, of this city, presided over the meeting and other directors present were: Messrs. B. M. Nobles, West Point; L. M. Borch, Aberdeen; E. J. Hunt, Tupelo; E. L. Kuykendall, and L. B. Divelbiss, of Columbus.

Reports showed that attendance has been smaller in Columbus than at any other town in the circuit. This fact is not to be wondered at, however, as this city once had a team in the Cotton States League, and when the Northeast Mississippi League was organized local fans predicted that the attendance here would be small. The backers of the club are not discouraged, as they have sufficient funds to finish out the present season and are hoping for better business next summer.

## LUCAS E. MOORE STAVE CO. GETS FREIGHT REDUCTION

## COLUMBUS AND MOBILE NOW ON PARITY WITH MONTGOMERY AND OTHER POINTS.

At a conference recently held in Mobile between Mr. John F. Walker, attorney of the traffic department of the Lucas E. Moore Stave Company, and officials of the Southern and Mobile and Ohio railroads, the representatives of the transportation lines agreed to a considerable reduction in the freight rates on staves from both Columbus and Mobile to eastern and Canadian points.

The Lucas E. Moore Stave Company maintains headquarters in New Orleans, but operates plants both in Mobile and Columbus, and for some time past has been hampered by discriminative freight rates from these points. The new rates provide for a reduction of from two to four cents per hundred pounds on staves, and place Columbus and Mobile on a parity with Montgomery, Corinth and other cities in Alabama and Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Dixon, who have been residing in Belzoni for the past three years, have moved to this city, where Mr. Dixon will be conductor on train No. 51 for the Southern Railway in Mississippi.

## SWITZER, RORICK & CO., OF TOLEDO, PURCHASE ROAD BONDS

## SALE INSURES COMPLETION OF JACKSON HIGHWAY ROUTE THROUGH COUNTY.

Bonds in the sum of \$50,000 for road improvement work in Lowndes county have been sold to Switzer, Rorick and Company, of Toledo, O. The bonds bear interest at the rate of 5 1/2 per cent per annum, and \$20,000 is to be used for improving highways in the first district and the remaining \$30,000 for a similar purpose in the second district.

The sale of these bonds insures the completion of the route of the Jackson Highway through this county, as the only work to be done is in the second district, where a portion of the money is to be expended. These bonds were first bid in by local financiers, but they were advised not to accept them by their attorneys, who claimed that the election which resulted in their issuance was illegally held. Negotiations were later opened with Switzer, Rorick & Co., and resulted in the sale of the bonds to that firm.

## Phillips-Cooper.

A pretty wedding that came as a surprise to friends was solemnized at 9 o'clock Thursday night at the home of Mr. John Reeves, seven miles east of Columbus, when Miss Mildred Marie Cooper, of Eupora, and Mr. Elbert L. Phillips, of this city were married, the ceremony being solemnized by Rev. J. H. Newton, pastor of the Baptist church at Ethelville, Ala. The bride was a teacher the past session at Mt. Vernon school, in the eastern section of this county, and for several days past has been visiting friends in that neighborhood.

Little Miss Evelyn Heard was the flower girl, and Master Wailman Cooper acted as ringbearer. Miss Myrtle Finch, of Eupora, was bridesmaid, and Miss Ola Phillips was maid-of-honor. Mr. Phillips had as his best man Mr. Alex Spann, of this city. Mr. John J. Richards was groomsmen. The home was beautifully decorated.

The groom is traveling salesman for the wholesale grocery firm of J. L. Walker and Company of this city, and has many friends throughout the county.

The Commercial joins the many friends of this happy couple in wishing for them a long and happy married life.

Senator W. P. Stripling spent several days of the past week in Aberdeen, whether he was called on legal business. The Senator states that he was very favorably impressed with the beauty of the parkway on Commerce street in Aberdeen and expresses the hope that Columbus will soon install a similar improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Boyd, of the Dunbar neighborhood, were visitors to Columbus yesterday.

## COTTON DECLINES IN SPITE OF STORM

EFFECT OF WIND AND RAIN ON MARKET IS PARADOXICAL.

## BULLS SEEM TO BE IN FULL CONTROL

Millions of Plants Have Been Destroyed in Five Cotton Growing States.

Storms have recently swept over large areas in the cotton growing states and have had a paradoxical effect upon the market. Instead of advancing, prices have declined and are now lower than the advent of the pluvial rains which left such dire destruction in their wake.

There were two separate and distinct elemental disturbances, one having swept over the Atlantic coast about two weeks ago, while last week a similar storm prevailed over the northern portion of the cotton belt. Included in the area covered by these storms were five cotton growing states, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina, and millions of plants were destroyed, but instead of bringing buoyancy to the market the storm had the opposite effect and the bears rather than the bulls appear to be in absolute control.

The market made a slight gain yesterday, but prices are still well below those which were maintained before the storms appeared. At the close of business yesterday afternoon New York spots were quoted at 13.40, October futures in New York at 13.02, New Orleans spots at 13 cents and October futures in New Orleans at 12.83. In the New York market good middling was quoted at 12.50.

## Concert This Afternoon.

A concert will be given at Lake Park this afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock by the Princess orchestra, and the following program will be rendered: National Emblem; Blue Danube; Bridal Rose Overture; Schubert's Serenade; Roma Intermezzo; Our Patriotic March; Southern Rose; Sunshine of Your Smile; The Secret; In Cupid's Garden; Star Spangled Banner.

## LARGE CROWD TO HEAR JUDGE DICKSON'S TALK

## MANY COLUMBIANS ARE ANXIOUS TO HEAR CELEBRATED AUTHOR AND JURIST.

The Columbus lodge of Elks have everything in readiness for the lecture which Mr. Harris Dickinson is to give at Lake Park Tuesday night, the entire proceeds of which will go to swell the fund of \$10,000 which the Elks of the state are trying to raise for the benefit of the Mississippi volunteers who have been called to the colors and who will be in camp several months. Mr. Dickinson has offered to give ten lectures in the state for the benefit of the soldier boys, and in order that they may have necessities and delicacies which the government does not provide.

The entertainment will open with a solo by Mrs. T. B. Hardy, whose sweet voice always charms and captivates. Rev. W. S. Slack will then introduce the celebrated author and lecturer.

Harris Dickinson, creator of the mirth-provoking negro character, "Old Reliable," is the one man in America today best qualified to portray the characteristics of the unknowable southern negro. During a vantage experience Mr. Dickinson has had rare opportunity to observe and study him.

By means of anecdotes and illustrations, strung upon a consecutive thread of common sense, he conveys a definite and kindly idea of relationships in the south between the white man and the black.

The Saturday Evening Post has printed more than forty million copies of the "Old Reliable" stories. Other work by Mr. Dickinson constantly appears in the best American magazines. Because of "Old Reliable's" popularity, Mr. Henry Spaulding, the well known theatrical producer, has arranged to feature the character in a play by that name.

This patriotic movement should appeal to all of our citizens, and it

## HANLY IS NAMED BY PROHIBITIONISTS

FORMER GOVERNOR OF MISSOURI NOMINATED ON FIRST BALLOT.

## A SOUTHERN MAN IS RUNNING MATE

Ira D. Landreth, a Nashville Divine, is Nominated for Vice-Presidency.

MANLY IS NAMED -- --yid Mada St. Paul, Minn., July 22.—J. Frank Hanly, former governor of Indiana, was nominated for president, and Dr. Ira D. Landreth, of Nashville, for vice-president by the Prohibition National convention, which adjourned sine die at 3:30 p. m. today. Dr. Landreth's nomination was made unanimous after the vice-presidential candidates had withdrawn.

Mr. Hanly's nomination came on the first ballot and followed a number of hurried conferences between advocates of the candidacy of Wm. Sulzer, former governor of New York, and several brief demonstrations in the latter's behalf.

Mr. Hanly received 440 votes as against 181 for Mr. Sulzer. Finley C. Hendrickson of Cumberland, Md., received 51 votes; James Gilbert Mason of New Jersey, 10; W. P. F. Ferguson of Pennsylvania, 4; Sumner W. Haynes, Indiana, 2; and Henry Ford, Detroit, 1. A motion to make Mr. Hanly's nomination unanimous was defeated when objections were offered by Eugene W. Chafin of Arizona and a score of other delegates.

After the nomination of Dr. Landreth the assembly rose, and the

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## LIEUT. LAWLEY LEADS THAT FLAG BE SENT TO JACKSON

## SAYS SOLDIERS WILL TAKE IT WITH THEM WHEREVER THEY MAY GO.

Mr. J. G. Weatherly, secretary-manager of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, recently wrote a letter to Lieut. John Lawley, of the Columbus Riflemen, who is now with the state troops at the mobilization camp near Jackson, asking what disposition should be made of the flag purchased for the Riflemen by patriotic Columbians. Although the flag was officially presented to the Riflemen before they left they did not take it with them, and Mr. Weatherly, knowing that the company had been partly disintegrated and a new captain who is not a local man placed in command, did not know exactly what to do with the flag.

In replying to the letter Lieut. Lawley states that, while under the federal regulations officers and men alike were transferred from one command to another regardless of friendship's bonds, and that while Company I, as the local command is now known, experienced more than its share of the changes the men are rapidly developing into a disciplinary unit which promises to be one of the most proficient companies in the First Regiment. He requests Mr. Weatherly to send the flag to Jackson, and states that the local boys will take it wherever they go, bringing it back to Columbus when they return. The letter follows:

"Camp Sweep Taylor, Jackson, Miss.

"Mr. J. G. Weatherly, Columbus, Miss.

"Dear Sir—Your letter of the 19 to hand, and acting through the authority of the Columbus Riflemen, and as the remaining officer from Columbus, I wish to state the conditions as follows: Company 'I,' or the Columbus Riflemen, still holds its identity as Company 'I' from Columbus, although we have a new captain and about one-third of the men are from different parts of the state.

"According to the regulations of the federal government which we are now under, captains and men alike are transferred from one command to another.

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is hoped will receive their coriary support. Tickets can be had at all the drug stores and from the Boy Scouts at 50 cents each; no reserved seats.